

TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE  
Transcriber's Office

March 30, 1999 LB 822, 870

(introduced teachers). Would you please stand and let the body recognize you. Thank you very much for coming. Senator Schrock, you are recognized to speak on the Beutler amendment, number 1068.

SENATOR SCHROCK: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, the discussion has been good. Senator Beutler, what you're trying to do here is probably not bad. I'm just unwilling to expand...to expand the bill at this time. I would remind the body that all livestock facilities in this state will either have to have had a permit, or have to have applied for inspection by the date of January 1st, the year 2000. And one of the parts of LB 1209, and will be included in LB 870, the clean-up bill that will be brought forward, is that all of these livestock facilities use best management practices. I'm not sure it's necessary to duplicate that requirement in this amendment. As far as expanding to agricultural chemicals, I'm unwilling to do that now. But I will tell you that the agricultural chemicals that are being used now are certainly a lot more environmentally friendly. I think the environment, not only in Nebraska, but in the nation, has turned for the better. All you have to do is to come to my area of the state and see the bald eagles, in the wintertime, that we didn't used to see there. And that happened, I believe, as a result of the...the prohibition of the use of DDT. Atrazine has been a concern for some people in this state in our water supply. The use of atrazine is being regulated and is being downgraded. Most of the herbicides we now use are not soil-borne herbicides, they're contact herbicides, and therefore much more friendly to the environment. I think, if there should happen to be a problem with the degradation of a stream, I think interested parties would get together and it would probably include discussion with Game and Parks and natural resource districts. I think that would take place. They are the appropriate agencies to deal with problems like this. But I don't think we need it in statutes at this time, and some of this language just makes me a little uneasy, Senator Beutler, and I hope you understand that. So, from that standpoint, I still oppose the amendment.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Schrock. I should have said that Senator Redfield represents the area where our students, from Omaha, are from. Thank you. Senator Jones,